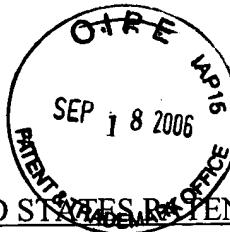


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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the papers, as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on September 12, 2006.

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 12, 2006, setting a three (3) month shortened statutory period for response, the Applicant submits the present response under 37 C.F.R. §1.111.

Claims 1-15 and 24-54 remain pending in the application. No claims have been amended, added or canceled. The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS begin on page 11 of this paper.